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LOK SABHA

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CHALK POWDER IN MILK POWDER
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether chalk powder was found in milk powder which is being used in Delhi Milk Scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof and action taken so far in this regard; and

(c) the steps taken to ensure that such things do not happen in future?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

(SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a), (b) & (c): 21 number of chalk powder bags in place of skimmed milk powder bags were detected by the DMS in a consignment of 1760 skimmed milk powder bags (SMP) received from Mehsana Dairy, Gujarat.

On detection of the chalk powder bags, these were segregated and kept separately. The suppliers were informed and the matter was reported to Prevention of Food Adulteration authorities. The Crime Branch of the Delhi Police, who took over the investigation has arrested the crew members of the truck which brought the consignment from Mehsana, Gujarat to Delhi Milk Scheme, New Delhi. Since then the security and strict quality control checks before loading as well as before utilisation of processed goods has been strictly enforced.